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Lying in the hands of the **CLERKS** of
 His **MAJESTIES** most Honourable
Privy COUNCIL.

WE under-subscribers, now Prisoners for the truth in the *Cannongate* Tolbuih Ironhouse, though most vile, yet it pleased the Holy Ghost to work on our Spirits of a time past, in clearing causes of wrath, and shewing us duty from day to day, that now in some time past we are, and have been called Mad-men and Devils, and now there is none in the Kingdom, in Prison, or out of Prison that we can converse with as Christians. And yesterday being the 26. day of the 5th. Month, it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us, to take out of our Bibles the Psalms in Meeter for severall Causes mentioned afterwards, for the book of the Revelation says, *If any man should add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues which are written in this book;* and we did burn them in our Prison-house, and sweep away the Ashes. Likewise, in the Holy Scriptures, we renounce Chapters and Verses, and Contents, because it is only done by Humane Wisdom, and the changing of the books after the Holy Ghost had placed them: we being
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pressed to this work by the Holy Ghost, do renounce the Impres-
 sion and Translation of both the Old and New Testaments, and
 that for additions put unto them by men, and other causes; as
 first, putting in horrid Blasphemy, making a Tyrant Patron of the
 Church, when the Scriptures holds of none but of God, and
 needs no Patronage from any King, Prince, or Ruler, and the
 writing of that blasphemous, Sacrilegious, (as some call it) the
 Epistle Dedicatory, filled with such language as *Dread Sovereign,*
Highness, most High and Mighty, most Sacred Majesty; and like-
 wise the horrid unparalleled blasphemy, making a Trinitie with

these *Hebrew Letters* in it thus, *Omni* *Februali*, representing
 the Trinity; and likewise putting in horrid Pictures in several
 places of the Holy Scripture; and likewise drawing scores betwixt
 the books of the Bible, and other superfluous traditions. Like-
 wise we renounce the Catechism larger and Shorter, and Confes-
 sion of Faith, against which we have many causes: one cause is,
 in the 23. chap. for the Scripture proves that they sit, proves the
 contrary of that they write. We renounce the Act of the Ge-
 neral Assembly, and all the Covenants, and acknowledging of sins
 and engagement to duties, and that which they call Preaching
 books, and all their works, way, form, and manner of worship;
 Doctrine, Discipline, and Government, and the studying on their
 books the thing they call their Preaching; for instead of going
 to God for his mind to the people, they go to their books, and so
 makes their books their God and their leader, and so all following
 that way, go to Hell together; the cause of this is, we find none
 of their works but they are like themselves, carnal and corrupt,
 according to that Scripture, *His the Covenant Justice with the*
Lord: We renounce the limiting of the Lords mind by Clarks;
 and their ordination of men only learned, and their saying that
 Learning is the essential of a Minister without grace. Likewise,
 we renounce their manner of renewing Covenants, visiting mens
 consciences to take a Covenant, and by so doing, has filled the
 Kirk and State with Tyrants and incarnate Devils, as we find this
 day, they knew the men to have no marks of grace, but on the
 other hand, to be prophane, as them they call King and Rulers,
 Captains and Commanders in State and Armies, and all King Offi-
 cers whom we call Tyrants and Judases, for by so doing they
 have corrupted both Kirk and State, as this day Kirk men and
 Statesmen, whom we call Judases and Tyrants, are studying in
 opposition to Holiness and the work of Reformation, who enter-
 ed in by these same Covenants, are now pursuing our lives for a
 Christian way. And likewise, we renounce the Covenant which
 is commonly called *Congregational* Covenant; and likewise
 the *Declaration*, yea, and *Synagogue* Declaration, because they

they may and has owned these, and are owning these, who are enemies to Holiness, and were enemies to us, as some of them said, we should suffer Kirk Censure for giving over the old Apostolic Ministry to the Devil, and some of them counted us their enemies for the truth sake, and sent us word they would protest against us, and so we justify our Lord in breaking them at *strait* Mobs, we justify the Lord likewise, in taking away that they call Field-Preachings, or mockings, because they were nothing but Rebellion against the High Lord, as we find now when our Lord is come to the Cross, there is neither Minister nor People to bide by him, of the many thousands hat looked to the thing they call Preachings or mockings, and therefore now all are found void of saving Grace, and so we see that word is accomplished, *Strait and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it*; and that other word, *many shall strive and shall not be able*. We finding all former Actions to be such as Devils has and can creep in at (as Declarations and Covenants) and get the name of Saints; Therefore, this day it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us, to renounce and burn the former Covenants and Declarations, because they are not strait enough according to Scripture, and all their works such like, and therefore we will own none of their works, till it please the Lord to give us teaching from himself. By this all may know and understand, we overturn and formally burn all the former works of the Clergy of Scotland, and throughout all the whole world that are in opposition to Holiness, dated the 6th. day of the week, being the 27. of the 5th. Moneth 1681. about midday.

We renounce and decline all Authority throughout the world, and all that are in Authority, and all their Acts and Edicts, from the Tyrant *Charles Stuart* to the lowest Tyrant, and burn them the same day, being the 6th. day of the week, the 27. day of the 5th. Moneth, 1681, at *Cartouge* Tolbooth Iron-house.

We renounce the names of Months, as *January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, Nov, December, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Martyrmas, All Saints*, for there is none holy but the Sabbath day, *Lambas day, Whitsunday, Candlemas, Beltan, Cross-gings, and Images Feire*, named by Saints, and all the ceremonies of Popery, *Teal on Christmas, old wives Fables and By words, as Palm Sunday, Carling Sunday, the 29. of May, being dedicat by this Generation to Profanities, Rose Sunday, All Saints, All Saints night, Valentines even*; no Marrying in the Moneth they call May; the innumerable reliques of Popery, Atheism and Sorcery, and *New-years-day, and Hansel Monday, Dredgies and Like wakes, Valentines Fair, Chappels, Chaplains*: likewise Sabbath-days

feastings, Blythmeats, Banquetings, Revellings, Pippings, Sportings, Dancings, Laughings, Singing prophane and lustful Songs and Ballads, Table-Lawings, Monk-lands, Frier-lands, Blackfrier-lands, Kirks and Kirkyards, and Mercat Croffes, Fount-fones, Images, Registers of Lands and Houses, Register Bands, Discharges, and all their Law-works, Inhibitions, Hornings, Letters of Adjudication, Ships Passes, Prophanity and all unchast thoughts, words and Actions, formality, and indifferency, Story books and Ballads, Romances and Pamphlets, Comedy books, Cards and Dicey and all such like, we disown all of them, and burne them the 6th day of the week, being the 27. day of the 3th. Moneth, 1681. in the Common hall Tolbulth House.

We renounce all the Customs and Fashions of this Generation, their way and custom of eating and drinking, sleeping, and wearing, and all our own former wayes, as wth Religion as Moral, in so far as they have been squared and casten in this Generations mould, and all our Iniquious courtes, lightnets and unconcernedness with the Glory of God, the only end wherefore we were sent into this world, the 7th day of the week, being the 27. of the 3th. Moneth.

We renounce all that are now in Prison houses or Correction houses, men and women: for none of them are with us in this work, and wth we saw them a Copy of this our Renunciation; they called us Devils. The Copy of this we burnt instead of the Books and works of this Apostate Generation, and buried the Ashes in our and covered it with dust.

Notwithstanding of our burning Covenants and Declarations, and renouncing of them and their works; Be it known to All, that we do neither vindicate the Cursed Murderers of their Bloodshed on Fields, and Scaffolds, and Seas, and other horrid crickles, such as Torturing, Imprisonments, Pillagings, Banishments, Scourgings, Stigmatizing, &c. nor condemn we the worthe Martyrs, and the sufferings of others, only we give the Lord Justice, and vindicate his carrying, for now the Furnace has brought forth a more pure Cause, which we stearn, *Holiness to be built upon the work of God.*

That all may know and see our innocency, and know our end is and was the Glory of God in all we did, though we came far short; and in Moneths past we could get none to shew us kindness for meat or lodging, though we would pay for it our selves:

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That word in *Malachy*, *Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even the whole nation.* And likewise in *Deut.* We seeing the land all thus cursed, and all justifying themselves in that iniquity, were afraid to eat, or drink, or sleep under a roof with them; though there were many that would have sheltered us, yet we could not eat, drink, converse or pray with them, least we had come under the curse, so many times our beds has been in the open fields, and we have come to houses and they would not sell us Meal to make Potage of, and we have found Meal and water a rare dish, because the curse was off it, and it was blessed to us, according to that Scripture, *the blessing of the Lord maketh rich.* We are not murmuring in this, but when the weather has been worst, winds and rain, cold frost and snow, and when we had fasted most, we were best satisfied, according to that Scripture, *all shall work together for their good, that truly seek the Lord;* when we had outward straits, then we had most inward peace, we had joy in the Holy Ghost, so the thing the world calls the worst of our life, as reproach, imprisonment, nakedness, hunger, and cold, &c. we had rather be suffering for our Lords sake, then be Kings of the whole earth, for our joy no man can take from us, and our prison is so pleasant through our Lord, that we care for no company, for we know no company but all are cursed, and we know not what it is to weary, but according to that Scripture, *eat and drink my beloved, and drink abundantly,* we are rather in Paradise.

These things were cleared to us when fasting and praying, and we were pressed to do this by the Holy Ghost, we had many fasts about this thing, and this week we took some milk and bread in the third day of the week in the morning being the 24 day of the 5th. month 1681. and tasted neither meat nor drink, nor any other kind of living, till the 6th. day of the week at 4. afternoon (and then we took a little milk and bread) for to find out the Causes of his wrath we have, wandered, mourned, wept many a night, and day in houses and fields, for we have and has had no other end but his Glory, that the Elect such as should be saved might be brought in, and it is only Conscience that keeps us from giving men reverence in word and behaviour, though some call us dumb Devils, and unlearned Brutes, and one of us when coming before them they call Rulers, was called a Block-head, notwithstanding of all that came on us, we know and are taught by the Holy Scriptures, to give honour unto whom honour is due, and to salute one another, but it has been our work of a time to renounce the filthy wilde Imbracings, Salutations, and Complements of this Generation which they call Court-breeding, our carriage

age, professing to follow the Lord Jesus, should be steed and circumspect, according to that Scripture, *Let us walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise men, as it is written in Matthew, let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven.*

Curled are they that sayes peace to a land, who are in the place of Watchmen, when the Lord sayes no peace, which practice, we silly unlearned creatures, recondence; for we bleis him he has kepted us from resting till the Ark rest; and as for these they call Watch-men, that cryes peace or keep silence, we shall refer them to the Prophet *Ezekiel*, which ye may read at leisure, which we think shall be *Scotlanah Doom*, for we have heard tell of few of them they call Ministers, but they have all said peace, when brought before the enemies to witness their practice, being most unconscionable on Hill sides, and Moor sides, before several thousands, they called them Tyrants, and intollerable Oppressors, and their Government Tyranny and oppression, and that the Crown of Supremacy that *Charles Stuart* had usurped over the Kirk, would weight him down from the Throne, and all that Race with him, and when they are brought before them, and into Prisons, nothing but in with the other supplication, to the Honourable Lords of His Majesties Secret Council, beck and beinge, and please your Lordships Grace, &c. and now they are all at peace with his enemies, save one whom we disown, and so of long the enemies shall curse them, when the Lord awakens their Consciences, (though we confess we have had some special witnesses of Ministers) and we think or long, the Aalignants shall pursue these Ministers to death for unfaithfulness, for the vilest Creatures in the Land high and low, rich and poor, noble and ignoble, must give account for works done in the flesh, then the Dogs, Sorcerers, Whoremongers, and Murderers, and Idolaters, Pall-sweaters, Curisers, Sabbath breakers, idle loose livers, and all that are unchast in thoughts, words, and behaviour, and all that makes no Conscience of their way, and who so ever loveth and maketh a lye, shall tremble that day when they shall enter into Eternity; when it shall be said as it was to *Dives*, *thou in thy lifetime hadst thy good things, and Lazarus his bad things, for except a man be born again, he can on no wise enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.*

We take up the Book of the Holy Scripture with the Lords command, and for a testimony of our dissatisfaction, at the abound-
ing corruptions, both of Translators and the Press, and likewise for

For a Testimony of our desires and intentions for a new Translation and Impression, free of the foresaid and other abuses, yve to our power reform our own books, and sayes, that the word of God needs no humane Art: We hold that the Word of God is laid the foundation of this new building, and shortly it shall become the head Corner stone of the Building, over both Kirk and Stater Kirk-men, and States-men; so that Scripture towards the end of the Rev. of John shall be fulfilled, *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse, and he that sat upon him was called faithfull and true, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war, his eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many Crowns, and he had a new name written that no man knew, but he himself, and he was clothed with a vesture dypt in blood, and his name is called the word of God.*

And first, to show that we take the Word of God in every point to be our Rule, the sum and end of our so much reproached and mocked at Exercise (Fasting and Prayer,) will be found in the Book of Psalms; *Be thou exalted, O God, above the Heavens; and let thy glory be above all the Earth.* It is written in the Acts of the Apostles, *It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us:* but they usurping Supremacy, sayes, by the Authority of the General Assembly allows these Psalms to be sung in Congregations, &c. which we renounce. And more, we think the Psalm Book in Meeter, and no other thing ought to be within the broads of the Bible, but the simple Scriptures of Truth; the Psalms may be had in a Book by themselves.

We are so reproached and caluminate, that we are forced to make our defence, and show that we have mourned, fasted, and prayed many a day, and many a night this last Winter, many times in the open Fields, in Frost and Snow, while our Clothes were frozen upon us, and our Feet frozen in our Shooes, as the Town of cursed *Borrowstowness* can witness, and all this to find out the causes of our Lords tarrying, when those who are now calling us Devils, were turning themselves upon their Ivory beds, like a door upon the Hinges, eating the fat and drinking the sweet at their own ease: And when we were driven thence by Persecution, we took our selves to the Fields, holding still by our duty, where many Women did offer themselves to the Work, with whom our spirits was many a time burdened, whom we could not put away (as our blessed Lord dealt with Judas whom he knew would betray him) without manifest causes: We stayed not with them but on solemn days, such as *Sabbaths*, and appointed times for publick

